

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

JUNE 3, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10476.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 10476, return the same to the House with the recommendation that it pass with the following amendments:

After the word "Territory," in line 7, section 1, insert the following words: "subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and."

After the word "telephone," in line 24, page 2 of the bill, strike out the word "lines" and insert the word "companies."

The bill authorizes any regularly organized telegraph or telephone company to construct and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in the Indian Territory.

The bill fixes an annual charge of \$5 for each 10 miles of line constructed or maintained to the tribe through whose territory the same runs. It also provides for compensation for damage to private property. Your committee is of opinion that the bill can do no harm and will be the means of furnishing to a great many people the use of telephone and telegraph service.

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